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Complications of Diuretics

RECENTLY THERE have been several reports of an intriguing syndrome of interstitial nephritis, especially after the use of furosemide. . . . For some reason this has been reported primarily in patients who have some form of preexisting renal disease and usually membranous glomerulonephritis. The syndrome is fairly clear-cut in that the patients have a peripheral eosinophilia, pronounced oliguria and the other manifestations of some sort of an allergic disorder. Stopping the administration of diuretics has completely brought renal function back to what it was at the time the agents were first utilized. . . . We have seen a number of patients with membranous glomerulonephritis who are receiving furosemide, but we have not clearly witnessed this syndrome ourselves.

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